

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert on page 1, between lines 3 and 4, the following:

-- This application is the national stage of International Application No. PCT/DE 2003/001562, filed May 15, 2003, designating the United States.

Field of the Invention --

On page 1, between lines 27 and 28, please insert the following:

-- Background of the Invention --.

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 28 as follows:

-- An automated method for making multi-layer blanks is known from ~~DE 27 50 642 E2~~ United States Patent 4,753,699 wherein rubber layers and reinforcement layers are wound onto a rotating mandrel mounted at a fixed location. A material feed unit is moved in the longitudinal direction along the mandrel. It is disadvantageous that this manufacturing method is not continuous; instead, the method is limited to the length of the mandrel. In addition, the thickness and the angle of the wound rubber layers and reinforcement layers cannot be ensured with adequate accuracy which is required for tubular rolling-lobe flexible members for use in air springs of motor vehicles. --

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24

as follows:

-- A method and arrangement for manufacturing rubber hoses of curved shape are disclosed in ~~DE 25 45 058 C3~~ United States Patent 4,118,162. In this method, rubber layers and reinforcement layers are applied to mandrels with at least one extruder and a thread reinforcing machine with the mandrels being driven continuously in the feed direction. The mandrels abut directly and seamlessly one against the other. The continuous hose is cut into sections in a cutting device and is pulled from the mandrels and the individual mandrels are returned to the manufacturing start. --

On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, please insert the following:

-- Summary of the Invention --.

On page 9, please delete lines 2 and 3 and insert the following:

-- Brief Description of the Drawing

The invention will now be described with reference to the drawings wherein: --

On page 9, between lines 8 and 9, please insert the following:

-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments of the Invention --.

In the Abstract:

On page 24, please delete line 1 and substitute therefor:

-- Abstract of the Disclosure -

On page 24, please delete line 26.